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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/620,650
Applicants : Thomas J. Hayes et al.

Filed : July 16, 2003
Title : BASE FOR FOOD CONTAINERS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is Second Preliminary Amendment for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

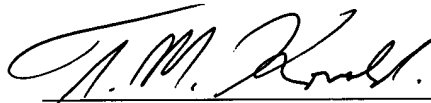
	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	68	20	48 x	\$ 9 = \$	\$ 18 = \$ 864
Independent	3	3	0 x	\$ 42 = \$	\$ 84 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 140 = \$	\$ 280 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 864.00

A check in the amount of \$864.00 is enclosed for additional claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required (except the issue fee) while this application is pending, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47097-01079USC1). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Commissioner:

The Applicants respectfully request that this Second Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-captioned patent application.

The Applicants' **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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